



FIRST LUTHERAN

GOOD NEWS!

FEBRUARY 2020

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON



IN HER ESSAY, "Embodying Epiphany", Karoline Lewis considers the role of a preacher as they encounter the story of God being born as one of us (Christmas).

"It's one thing to acknowledge Jesus' glory, Jesus' identity in the season of Epiphany. It is quite another thing to take on Epiphany in our own lives... what will this Epiphany be for you? Will you go through the motions or will you point to how all of us are called to point—to give witness—to how God is present, to how Jesus reveals God, to how the Kingdom of God is here and now and actually makes a difference for our here and now?"

I don't think that's a question meant only for those called to preach in a church. Each and every one of us

preaches with the words of our Facebook posts, Instagram stories, attitude at work, generosity to those in need and in so many other ways. February is my least favorite month of the year. I am tempted to 'go through the motions' to simply survive the winter drab. But, what if I looked up from the gray monotony to really see God's presence? And what if I had the courage to not just see it, but say something about it?

How will you 'show up' in the presence of God? And how could you share that encounter with others?

I have a few invitations for you as February is a month when First Lutheran is running at full steam...

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SAVE THE DATE!

All members are invited to
First's Annual Potluck!
Sun., Feb. 9 11:45am

Annual Reports are now available to
 download at 1stlu.org/areport
 and at the Welcome Center

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And what if I had the courage to not just see it, but say something about it?

1. **January 26 (in worship): Sugar Creek Bible Camp Sunday...** even if you're receiving this after Sugar Creek Sunday, just know that camp is where a lot of faith formation happens. For kids, families, small groups and really anyone who goes. We have a new executive director there, Jesse Klosterborer and I am truly excited about the present and future of this camp. Sponsor a camper this year! Make a special gift to take the financial burden off a family.
2. **February 9 (after 2nd service): First's Annual Potluck...** our annual meeting is closer to a pep rally than a budget reading. It is essential for any organization to celebrate what we've done together and look ahead with excitement for what is to come. Maybe there are questions, concerns or other fresh ideas. They are all welcome. Please come! Childcare is available and everyone eats first.

3. **February 16 (eat at 5:30, presentation at 6:00): Lutheran Worship... Why?** If you have ever wondered ANYthing about worship, this is your chance to either find out or ask an unanswerable question. Too often, Lutherans apologize for our style of worship without understanding how effective it is at shaping humans into Jesus-followers. In an era when many churches are moving toward 'entertainment-as-worship', ELCA Lutherans have an opportunity to distinguish our Christian personality by claiming the rich depth of meaning our worship holds. Childcare is available for birth through 10 years.

4. **February 26: Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:15pm.** Lent is a season of remembering... not only that we are dust, but that we are called to place our self and our community in the grace of God seen most obviously on the cross. We will practice that remembering work throughout the season of Lent by having small groups read *Waking Up White* while worshipping through some of its themes as well. Lent promises to be a profound season of growth for our church. Make time for a small group! Sign up at 1stlu.org/lentsmlgrp.



Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

WE'RE HIRING

First Lutheran is seeking part-time nursery attendants. Attendants must be 18 or older. The position is paid.

Nursery kids range from newborn through 4 years.

Inquire in the office, call 608.783.2236 or e-mail us at office@firstlu.org.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30AM
Wednesday 6:15 PM

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have your announcement in the monthly newsletter, send it to newsletter@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. **Deadline for the newsletter is always noon on the 15th of the month.**

To have your announcement in the weekly announcements pages handed out each weekend, send it to announcements@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. **Deadline for the weekly announcements is always noon each Wednesday.**

First Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)



2020 SMALL GROUPS

Weekly Groups:

Coffee with Pastor Karyn

Courageous Men

Knitters

Middle & High School
Youth Groups

Parent Share

Quilters

Sunday Morning
with Coffee

Monthly Groups:

Drawing from the Well

Grief Support Group

OWLs
(Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Deborah Circle

Dorcas Circle

Elizabeth Circle

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, Feb 2	Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday, Feb 5	Mark 5:21-43
Sunday, Feb 9	Matthew 5:13-20
Wednesday, Feb 12	Mark 6:1-29
Sunday, Feb 16	Matthew 5:21-37
Wednesday, Feb 19	Mark 7:1-23
Sunday, Feb 23	Matthew 17:1-9
Wednesday, Feb 26	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for February. Readings used during worship are determined by the pastors on a weekly basis, and, therefore, are subject to change.

You can also view this list online and subscribe to receive them as an email at 1stlu.org/readings.



POTLUCK

Before the
Faith Alive! U presentation
join us for a meal
starting at 5:30pm

Sign-up
to help with the potluck at
1stlu.org/potluck

The logo for Faith Alive! U, featuring the text "FAITH ALIVE! U" in white on a red, rounded rectangular background with a dotted border.

First offers courses for all ages to explore, question and learn about your faith. Presented in the sanctuary.

Lutheran Worship... Why?

Pastor Stanton
Sunday, Feb. 16, 6pm

Why do Lutherans stand up and sit down so often? Why sing the Kyrie in Latin? Why sing the Kyrie at all? In an era when many churches are moving toward 'entertainment-as-worship', ELCA Lutherans have an opportunity to distinguish our Christian personality by claiming the rich depth of meaning our worship holds.

Join Pastor Stanton for a conversation that promises to be fun, informative and challenging!

CAP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEGGED DOLLARS:

\$1,058,518

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$644,817

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

HVAC CONTROLS

ED BUILDING ROOF

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

TREES REMOVED

WIFI UPGRADE

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

3 AC UNITS REPLACED



AS MEMBERS OF First Lutheran Church and through our financial gifts, we commit to bringing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through our unique place in our community and the size of our congregation, we are able to **Change the Lives** of people of all ages and make more disciples of Christ. A very important ministry of our church is helping to bring our children to Christ. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and talented group of Sunday School teachers who focus on our children each week. They expend personal time preparing for and leading the children to Christ each Sunday. We are very thankful for their efforts. We thank you for your continuing contributions that make

their program materials and facilities possible.

In 2019, we have received 96% of the budgeted general fund income. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity. We have exited 2019 with all the bills paid and no outstanding short-term debt. In order to expand our programs and **Change more Lives**, please consider using Simply Giving. Many families use this convenient way to ensure their support of God's work through First Lutheran is carried out as intended. Thank you to everyone enrolled. Our enrollment grows monthly. If you have not enrolled in this easy and convenient way to grow our outreach and change more lives, you can do so on the website at 1stlu.org/giving or stop by the church office.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and talented group of Sunday School teachers who focus on our children each week.

Capital Campaign update: This is the third and final year of the Capital Campaign. When everyone fulfills their pledge by the end of 2020, we will have made great strides improving our buildings and reducing our debt. The planning is now underway for replacement of the sanctuary roof once the weather allows. It is great to report we have received over 75% of the pledged income for the capital campaign. Thank you for continuing to meet your pledge. Full financial details are available by request in the church office. We welcome everyone to attend a finance committee meeting. We meet every month, on the second Wednesday at noon. The coffee is free, but bring your own lunch. The Stewardship Committee meets once a month and is looking for members. For meeting times, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37



If you know of someone who needs a caregiver, speak with Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or call the church office (608.783.2236).

SUNSHINE BOYS & GIRLS

The Sunshine Boys and Girls meet at First Lutheran on the **first Thursday of the month at 9am** to help with outdoor or indoor projects. Refreshments are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Thursday, Feb. 27, at 9am**, to assemble the March newsletter. See you there!

YAGM APPLICATION

The ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission program invites young adults (ages 21-29) into a year-long international journey of service. If you, a friend or a family member would be interested in such a journey, go to elca.org/yagm and begin the application process. The **application window closes Feb. 15.**

HELPING HANDS

If you need help with small jobs around the house or if you need a couple of meals or groceries delivered, just go to the "Helping Hands" board by the nursery and make out a slip with a description of what you need help with and your telephone number. Then anyone who thinks they can help can take the slip and call the number to work out the details. This ministry is open to all in need of help AND to those who can provide the help. There is no set group of "helpers" so we need involvement from all who can be a blessing to someone else. Thanks!

WELCOME BASKETS

Welcome baskets are a way to welcome a new neighbor into your neighborhood. The baskets are a gift bag tied with a bow and are filled with goodies from church and from our community. They are available to sign out at the Resource Center across from the church office.



Green Team

"Living a green life can change the way you see the world, how you interact with it and how you show your LOVE to it and those around you." ~ Author Unknown

February is the month of love and appreciation. It usually finds us showering our significant other, children and/or family members with flowers, chocolates and cards. I, personally, look forward to the homemade cards given to me by my kids each year. What we may not often think of is showing love and appreciation to our planet! Below are a few ways we, as faithful Christians, can all show Mother Earth some love this month:

1. **Switch to energy efficient light bulbs**
2. **Take reusable bags with you to the grocery store, including cloth produce bags and containers for the deli**
3. **Participate in 'Meatless Monday'**
4. **Avoid purchasing single use (plastic) bottled beverages & instead use a reusable bottle**
5. **Purchase bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic ones (which are rarely recycled and will never decompose)**
6. **Carpool!**
7. **Combine online orders into as few packages/deliveries as possible.**

Please join us for our next Green Team Meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 16, between services, at the house**, to discuss ways in which FLC can work on becoming more whole Creation!

Blessings!

FLC Green Team



Contact Jenn Wiesjahn for more info

OPENING: NURSERY ATTENDANTS

First Lutheran is seeking part-time nursery attendants. Attendants must be 18 or older. The position is paid. Nursery kids range from newborn through 4 years. *Inquire in the office, call 608.783.2236 or e-mail us at office@firstlu.org.*

2020 FLOWERS

The sign-up sheets for 2020 flowers is on the bulletin board. If you would like to honor a loved one, check the bulletin board and sign up for an open week of your choice.

ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

In advance of First's Annual Potluck on **Sunday, Feb. 9**, an abbreviated one-page annual report for 2019 was mailed to households in your year-end financial statements. A full, more in-depth annual report may be picked up at the Welcome Center or downloaded at 1stlu.org/areport.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Apr. 4, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. *To register or ask questions call the church office at 608.783.3326 by Friday, Mar. 27. Min. attendance required: 2 families.*

NEW-MEMBER SOCIAL

By choosing to become a member, individuals and families commit to being part of a shared mission. People who would like to become members of First Lutheran are invited to a social at Red Pines on **Thursday, Apr. 16, 6pm**, where you will get to know more about First and the staff in a relaxed atmosphere. *To register your family or ask questions, call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.*

OPTING OUT OF MONTHLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you participate in the Simply Giving electronic-giving program, you can opt out of receiving monthly offering envelopes in the mail. *If you would like us to discontinue your paper envelopes, call the church office at 608.783.2236, or send email to email@firstlu.org.*

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather ever makes you wonder whether your group is meeting for their ministry, check our website, Facebook page, or update the office with your cell # and provider so that we can text you. The staff and leadership of First intend to 'make the call' by 5pm at the latest so everyone knows what to expect. Be safe this winter!

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- Grayson James Lamprecht
- Lachlan Scott Campbell
- Lennox Gerard Campbell
- Garrett William Varnum

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- Wayne Blanchard
- Lois Faas
- Gary Metzgi
- Virginia Dunnum
- Val Kolden

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Del Christianson

- Undesignated: Jan Bolstad, Edwin Burrell, John & Carol Daebler, Marilyn Fox, Adrian & Doris Hagen, Elizabeth Mac Ewen, Mark & Shirley Sacia, Gary Skogen, Ardie Van Riper, Katy Wood
- Skogen Music Fund: Dave & Barb Skogen
- Church bus fund: Arnie & Nancy Holthaus
- Lutheran World Relief: Gaylord & Esther Dolphin

In memory of Wayne Blanchard

- Undesignated: Nancy Beguin, George Besl, Phyllis Bey, Glenn Gossfeld, Nancy & Mike Goyette and children Shaun, Suzie & Kelly, Diana Kachel, Roger & Beatrice Sikorski, Brian Townsend, friends and family of Wayne Blanchard

In memory of Gary Metzgi

- Undesignated: Kurt & Angela Breiling, Cheryl & Jeff Towner

In memory of Virginia Dunnum

- Undesignated: The Guenzel family
- Church bus fund: Marilyn Fox
- Piano fund: James & Lynda Everson, Beverly Fuhrman, Ann Kristine Hudson, Florence Overgard, Dorothy Paulikas, Stewart Peterson, Annette Sherry, Marsha Smith, Nancy Thorson, Randy & Judith Weibel, Robert & Carol Wooden

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask, and they will release your name to us when we call.

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer lets churches know who is a patient at their hospital.

THANK YOU

The Icicle Toes project received a total of 335 pairs of socks!...

- 109 men's
- 107 womens
- 3 diabetic socks
- 47 girls
- 39 boys
- 30 infant socks

New Horizons shelter was very thankful for all the socks!



FIRST LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

Preschool Update

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's First Lutheran Preschool registration time! If your children are ready for preschool or you know someone with preschool age children, please consider the amazing preschool right here at First Lutheran. We are passionate about early childhood education! We've worked hard to develop a rich curriculum which makes learning fun as well as offer a variety of classes to meet our parents' needs. Contact us today for more information. Better yet — attend our Open House and see for yourself!

OPEN HOUSE: Join us for our open house on March 12 from 4:30-5:30pm. Come meet the teachers, check out the classrooms and find out how to register.

Thank you to everyone who supports the preschool and supports our mission of teaching God's love to the children.



What parents are
saying about
First Lutheran
Preschool...

First Lutheran Preschool has really helped my daughter with her shyness. She has made new friends and learned so many new things through school. I will recommend this preschool to everyone I know!

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

410 Main Street, Onalaska, WI

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preschool@firstlu.org

Preschool Director: Melissa Rolbiecki

4K Teacher: Beth Miller

Preschool Assistant Teachers:

Marci Leppert, Tracy Stoll



YOUNG YOUTH MP3 NIGHT!

Movie, PJs, Pizza & Popcorn! Grades K-5

Friday, February 21, 5:30-8pm

RSVP to beth@firstlu.org

Parent Date Night

NEXT: Friday, Mar. 13

Reg opens at 4:45pm, Dinner at 5:30pm,
games & activities until 8:30pm

Ages: birth to 12 are welcome

Event is open to the public

COST: Free will donation



Questions? Text Andrea: 608.790.5631

Sunday School

Faith Building Blocks

Grade 4: Apostles' Creed, in Fellowship Hall
Sundays, Feb. 2 & 9: parents/guardians with children
Sunday, Feb. 16: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship



Kindergarten: Lord's Prayer, in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Feb. 16: parents/guardians only
Sundays, Feb. 24: & Mar. 1: parents/guardians with children
Sunday, Mar. 8: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship



Throughout the year each age group will have a special "Faith Building Block" session in which parents or special adults are asked to attend class with their child. Most sessions lasts for a total of four weeks; the first class consists of parents/guardians connecting with a pastor and other parents in the fellowship hall; the children at this time will be meeting with the other pastor, learning how to worship assist. (This is for grades 1-5, preschool, 4K and kindergarten will attend Sunday school on the first meeting). Weeks two and three classes are for the child and their parents/guardians to attend together, sharing in conversation and growing together in faith. The fourth and final week, children will have a presence in worship in celebration of the Faith Building Block they have learned about and participate in worship by assisting.

New registrations welcome any time of the year!

Questions? Contact Sunday School Superintendent Beth Miller at sundayschool@firstlu.org or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.



Peer Ministry is an amazing opportunity for our young adults here at First Lutheran. It trains and equips them to have the skills to deal with the tough situations that confront our youth in today's world.

They learn how to welcome those who are hurting, listen with empathy, and communicate in clear ways. Peer Ministry grows leaders who can continue to help and serve in their everyday life.

Meeting most Wednesdays, November–May

More info: 1stlu.org/peermin

Questions?

Contact jason@firstlu.org.

CONFIRMATION

Events subject to change; up-to-date info at 1stlu.org/confirmation

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and theologically sound

ASH WED

**Worship at 6:15pm
February 26**

Remember, you are dust,
and to dust
you shall return.

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Sundays, 9:15am
Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups
Except on Feb. 26; youth should attend Ash Wed. worship instead

Wednesday, February 5, 5:00pm
**Class: Faith & the Media—
We Are What We Consume**

Sunday, February 16, 6:00pm
**Faith Alive! U: Lutheran Worship
—Why?**

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00pm
Class: The Many Names of God



FEB 2: SUPER BOWL-ING

FEB 9: YOUTH GROUP,
4PM TO SERVE, 5PM TO EAT!

FEB 16: ATTEND FAITH ALIVE! U

FEB 23: YOUTH GROUP,
4PM TO SERVE, 5PM TO EAT!

Middle School
&
High School

YOUTH GROUPS



Questions? Contact volunteer Youth Ministry Administrator, Andrea Dombroski: 608.790.5631 ym@firstlu.org.

Confirmation service opp.



Middle & High School Mission Trip to
Niagara Falls

July 25–August 2, 2020

Reg deadline: Feb 17



Sign-up with Karissa Grunden: ym@firstlu.org

SUPER BOWL-ING!

Sunday, Feb. 2, 5-8:30pm at Coulee Golf Bowl, for middle and high school youth. Pizza and "super bowl-ing" provided by First! Bring a friend, but sign up in advance as space is limited! *RSVP to Andrea: 608.790.5631.*

BUG SPRAY FUNDRAISER

Feb 23 thru March 25.

50% of sale goes towards youth funds. Information packet will be available to pick up from church office, at mission trip meetings, or at youth group on Sundays.



Parent Date Night

Save the "Date": Friday, Mar. 13.

Time: Registration from 4:45-5:30pm, followed by dinner and activities till 8:30pm (parents can pick up early if needed). Bring your children for an evening of fun with the middle and high school youth groups' Date Night Fundraiser! Ages: birth to 12 are welcome. Event is open to the public. Cost: Donations to help middle and high school students with their mission trip in 2020.

LOCK-IN!

Starts at **5pm on Friday, Mar. 20**, in Fellowship Hall, ends Saturday, Mar. 21, at 9am. More info on website.



OWLS OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs finished 2019 with the "Social Event of the Season", the OWLs Christmas potluck. There was great food, outstanding Christmas goodies and fun games for all.

The OWLs will kick off February with a warming and friendly potluck. Come in out of the cold for great fellowship and food on **Wednesday February 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall**. The program will be presented by our good friends Ron and Frieda Nowland. Their programs are always enjoyable and insightful. Don't miss this chance to view another one.

The OWLs February outing will give everyone a chance to experience the wonderful theatre production of "Little Women the Broadway Musical". This highly acclaimed musical will be presented by the UWL Theatre Dept. The college kids always deliver a high energy stimulating production. Full of charm and gorgeous songs, the musical version of the novel retains the heart of the original story — beloved by countless readers. Set during the Civil War, the story of blossoming love and family closeness provides an appealing, sweet evening of

theatre. **This exciting event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 29. We will meet at the church 4:30pm**, then venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal before the play. Cost of the play is \$18. Because these plays many times sell out, please let Brian Narveson (630-816-5917 or owls@firstlu.org) know by Monday, Feb. 24 if you are planning on attending. He will buy tickets ahead of time, but you can pay the night of the event. Dinner is on your own.

We look forward to seeing everyone in February.

The OWLs are a group at First that welcomes anyone, First Lutheran members or not, who are 55+. For information or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org. A reminder for all potlucks that First Lutheran is a nut-free campus. Please do not bring food containing nuts or nut butters/oils/extracts of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

Drawing from the Well

For women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth.

Meeting for food, fellowship & study.

**NEXT: Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30am
in the Upper Room**



Contact Bridget for info: bridget@firstlu.org

New-Member Social

First invites any person or family interested in joining our church family to join us for an informal social at Red Pines!

Thur., Apr. 16, 6pm

To register, contact the church office:
office@firstlu.org / 608.783.2236

MEMORIES

Thur, Mar 26, 1–2:30pm

Topic: Art-Crafting

For persons living in the community with dementia, memory concerns, caregivers and friends

Registration not required



Contact Bridget for info: bridget@firstlu.org



SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

2020 Upcoming Events

Feb 9 Winter Fun Day (1-5pm)

Feb 16 Sugar Creek's ANNUAL MEETING – 2pm




Feb 23 Winter Fun Day (1-5pm)

Feb 27-Mar 1 SCBC Craft Retreat (for women)

Summer reg now open! Your child or grandchild can have an amazing new experience this summer with the caring staff and beautiful creation of Sugar Creek!

Contact camp to RSVP for all events:
www.sgrcreek.org • camp@sgrcreek.org • 608.734.3113

FEBRUARY AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events list on back*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	28	29	30	31	1
		<p>9 AM Newsletter Assembly - NX 4 PM Come for Supper at OSLC</p>	<p>12 PM OWLs Potluck - FH 5 PM Confirmation Cls: Art as Prayer 7 PM Peer Ministry - House</p>	<p>7 PM Women of the House Small Group - UR</p>	<p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9:15 AM Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed (1st meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH 5 PM Super Bowl-ing Party - Coulee Golf Bowl</p>	<p>7 PM AA - FS</p>		<p>5 PM Confirmation Cls: Faith & the Media—We Are What We Consume 7 PM Peer Ministry - House</p>	<p>9 AM Sunshine Boys & Girls 7 PM Women of the House Small Group - UR</p>	<p>7 PM AA - FH</p>	<p>9:30 AM Drawing from the Well Group - UR</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>9:15 AM Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH 11:45 AM First's Annual Potluck! 4 PM Middle & High School Youth Groups</p>	<p>6:30 PM Foundation Team 7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>1 PM Dorcas Circle - NX</p>	<p>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship  12 PM Finance Team Mtg 7 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - FS 7 PM Hospitality Leadership Team - NX</p>	<p>7 PM Women of the House Small Group - UR</p>	<p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">Deadline for Newsletter</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed, lifted up in...</p> <p>9:15 AM Green Team Mtg - House 9:15 AM Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:30 AM Welcome Center Meeting 5:30 PM Faith Alive! U Community Meal - FH 6 PM Faith Alive! U: Lutheran Worship... Why? - SN</p>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">Deadline for Mission Trip Registration</p> <p>1 PM Elizabeth Circle 2:30 PM Springbrook Worship  7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>5:15 PM Personnel Team Mtg 6:30 PM Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship  12 PM OWLs Potluck - FH 5 PM Confirmation Cls: The Many Names of God - FS 5:15 PM Peer Ministry Commissioning - FH</p>	<p>10 AM Deborah's Circle - NX 1 PM Grief Support Group - UR 7 PM Women of the House Small Group - UR</p>	<p>5:30 PM Young Youth MP3 Night - FH 7 PM AA - FS</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">Bug Spray Fundraiser Begins</p> <p>9:15 AM Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15 AM Lent Small Group - Rm 209 9:15 AM Lent Small Group - TR 11:45 AM Lent Small Group - UR 4 PM Middle & High School Youth Groups - FH, MR, House</p>	<p>6:30 PM Lent Small Group - UR 7 PM AA - FS</p>		<p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">Ash Wednesday</p> <p>6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - FS 7 PM Lent Small Group - UR</p>	<p>9 AM Newsletter Assembly - NX 1 PM Lent Small Group w/ Lauri Berg 7 PM Women of the House Small Group - UR</p>	<p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>4:30 PM OWLs Fly to see Little Women</p>

weekly events for

FEBRUARY

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes

9:15am High School at the House

9:15am Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX

9:15am Sunday Mornings with Coffee - MR

9:15am Parent Share - UR

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

9:00am Quilters - FS

1:15pm Staff Meeting

5:15pm Bell Practice - Sacristy

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - House

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera, Onalaska

5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Choir Practice - SN

7:00pm Gr 8-10 Small Groups



FBB: Grade 4
Apostles' Creed
Sun, Feb 2 & 9
9:15-10:15am



First's Annual Potluck
Sun, February 9
11:45am-1pm



Faith Alive! U:
Lutheran Worship
Sun, Feb 16
6-7:30pm



FBB: Kindergarten
Lord's Prayer
Sun, Feb 16, 23, Mar 1
9:15-10:15am



Young Youth
MP3 Night
Fri, Feb 21
5:30-8pm



Ash Wed Worship
Wed, Feb 26
6:15pm

CALENDAR KEY

CR = Choir Room

FBB = Faith Building Block

FH = Fellowship Hall

FS = Fireside Room

LG = Lounge

MR = Mary Room

NX = Narthex

SN = Sanctuary

TR = Thomas Room

UR = Upper Room

Events subject to change; up-to-date information at 1stlu.org/cal

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REVELATIONS

The end of the newsletter is near, so here's a few things we find revealing.

THE REVELATIONS OF TAMARA



READING:

Lives of Girls & Women

By Alice Munro. I can start reading one of her short stories, and within a minute, I am in her world and not mine.

THE REVELATIONS OF ANDY

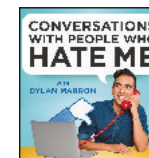


LISTENING TO:

NPR's Code Switch Podcast

The episode from Jan. 22, *What About Your Friends?*, explores how race affects our friendships. Listen at 1stlu.org/codeswitch.

THE REVELATIONS OF KARYN



LISTENING TO:

Conversations with People Who Hate Me

A podcast by producer, director and actor Dylan Marron. Dylan calls the people who send him hate mail and has a conversation with them. What happens next will amaze you.



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